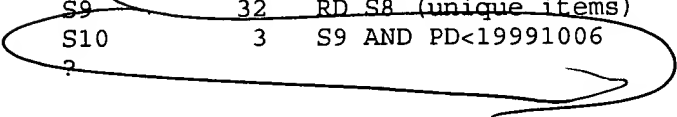


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Beyond Tech Assessment: Balancing Needs, Strategy

**ABSTRACT:** A sensitive issue in the US debate over health care costs and access involves how hospitals decide to add new services and equipment, and what these decisions mean in terms of systemwide costs. Up to now, states have usually responded to the technology issue through broad regulation, such as certificate-of-need (CON) laws, which have recently resurfaced in popularity but have not worked well in the past. While experts acknowledge that medical staff and bottom-line interests play important roles in technology decision making, they say that hospitals cannot leave community needs out of the equation. Stanley J. Reiser of the University of Texas Health Science Center says that hospital technology assessment committees can help identify the right mix of technology and services without duplicating those provided at other hospitals. A dispute between 3 hospitals in Portland, Oregon, involving transplants is discussed as an example of the technology debate.

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The latter goal becomes more feasible... must place limits on its activities, such a protocol ensures that a uniform process of **assessment** becomes the norm whenever a **technology** proposal is brought forward for **funding** from any source.

As **technologic** innovation and research activities accelerate, hospitals face increasingly difficult decisions about which technologies best fit...

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SEATTLE--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 11, 1998--SI Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: "SISI") today announced the successful completion of a private placement which raised \$4.2 million in additional equity for the Company via the sale of common stock and warrants. Participants in the private placement included institutional investors and the management of SI Technologies, Inc. Proceeds from the financing will be used to reduce existing indebtedness incurred in connection with recent acquisitions. The Company sold 168 Units at a price of \$25,000 per Unit. Each Unit consisted of 4,998 shares of common stock, plus warrants to purchase 1,000 shares of common **stock** at an exercise **price** of \$8.00 per **share**. As a

result of the offering, the Company issued 839,664 shares of common stock, along with warrants to purchase 168,000 shares of common stock in the future. After consideration of the offering, SI Technologies, Inc. has 3,387,904 common shares outstanding. "By increasing our equity base through this financing, SI Technologies is well-positioned to aggressively pursue its consolidation strategy within the industrial weighing and materials handling industry", commented Rick Beets, president and chief executive officer of SI Technologies, Inc. "We have significantly expanded our revenues and diversified our customer base through acquisitions during the past two years, and we are **evaluating** a number of acquisition opportunities at the present time." SI **Technologies**, Inc. is an industry leader in the design and manufacturing of systems that enhance the processing, handling, movement and transportation of goods and materials. Recent acquisitions have diversified the Company's revenue base and positioned SI Technologies as a consolidator within the \$30 billion industrial weighing and materials handling equipment industry. SI's products, including dynamic and stationary weighing systems, load handling and moving systems, measurement devices, instrumentation, and operations information systems, enhance the operational control, safety, efficiency and profitability of its customers. Key markets served by the Company include aerospace, agriculture, automotive, aviation, construction, forestry, freight transportation, maritime, mining, and waste management. The Company is headquartered in Seattle, Washington, and its common stock is traded on NASDAQ under the symbol "SISI". This press release includes statements that may constitute "forward-looking" statements, usually containing the words "believe", "estimate", "project", "expect" or similar expressions. These statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements inherently involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. Factors that would cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, continued acceptance of the Company's products in the marketplace, competitive factors, dependence upon third-party vendors, and other risks detailed in the Company's periodic report filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. By making these forward-looking statements, the Company undertakes no obligation to update these statements for revisions or changes after the date of this release.

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